

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 GREGORY TIFT,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR20-0168-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Gregory Tift's *pro se* motion to unseal  
16 certain documents. (Dkt. No. 40.) Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant  
17 record, and for good cause shown, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons  
18 explained below.

19 On September 30, 2020, Mr. Tift was indicted for conspiracy to distribute controlled  
20 substances and possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute. (Dkt. No. 3.) In  
21 December 2021, the Court granted Defendant's motion to proceed *pro se*. (Dkt. No. 37.) Mr. Tift  
22 now moves to unseal documents he previously filed in support of his motion to proceed *pro se*.  
23 (Dkt. No. 40.)

24 Documents received from a defendant who is represented by counsel must be filed under  
25 seal, pending review by and specific order of the Court. W.D. Wash. Local Crim. R. 55(b)(13).  
26 Mr. Tift still had counsel when he filed the documents and thus, they remain under seal. (See

1 Dkt. Nos. 34, 35.) Having reviewed Mr. Tift's motion and the documents in question, the Court  
2 finds no reason to maintain them under seal.

3 Accordingly, Defendant's *pro se* motion to unseal (Dkt. No. 40) is GRANTED. The  
4 Court hereby ORDERS that Docket Numbers 34 and 35 be unsealed.

5 DATED this 14th day of January 2022.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE